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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EAIR, EGEN, CG

SUBJECT: PAN AM - AIR ZAIRE STATUS REPORT

REF: KINSHASA 2063

1. CHARGE MET WITH GENERAL MOLONGYA MARCH 10 AS CONTEMPLATED IN REFTEL. MOLONGYA EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR CHARGE'S EFFORTS IN RESOLVING PROBLEMS WITH PAN AM EMPLOYEES AND STATED THAT SITUATION WAS COMPLETELY BACK TO NORMAL. ALL PAN AM EMPLOYEES WERE ON THE JOB AND HE HAD NO COMPLAINTS TO MAKE CONCERNING THEM.

2. SHORTLY AFTER MEETING WITH MOLONGYA, JOE GATT CALLED UPON CHARGE TO REPORT THAT HE HAD JUST BEEN SUMMONED BY MINISTERS OF TRANSPORT AND PORTFOLIO WHO COMPLAINED THAT MOLONGYA WAS "RUNNING WILD". SPECIFICALLY, THEY STATED THAT HE HAD ORDERED INDIVIDUAL DRINKING MUGS FOR ALL AIR ZAIRE EMPLOYEES, ORDERED NEW UNIFORMS FOR ALL AIR ZAIRE STEWARDESSES (PRESENT ONES WERE NOT SUFFICIENTLY ATTRACTIVE), AND HAD GIVEN EVIDENCE THAT HE INTENDED TO HIRE AND FIRE A LARGE NUMBER OF AIR ZAIRE EMPLOYEES (AUTHORITY OVER AIR ZAIRE PERSONNEL HAS BEEN A BONE OF CONTENTION BETWEEN ALL AIR ZAIRE MANAGERS AND MINISTERS OF TRANSPORT).

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3. THE MINISTERS REQUESTED THAT GATT DRAW UP SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS AS TO HOW THE AIRLINE SHOULD BE RUN. GATT REPLIED, CORRECTLY IN OUR OPINION, THAT HE DID NOT HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO DO SUCH. THE MINISTERS THEN STATED THAT THEY INTENDED TO TAKE UP THE QUESTION OF MOLONGYA'S SUITABILITY AS AIR ZAIRE DG AUTHORITY WITH MOBUTU. WE FORESEE TROUBLE.

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